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SUBJECT: ALLEGED RECRUITMENT OF AMERICANS FOR RHODESIA

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE ON NOVEMBER 18 CHRISTIAN
SCIENCE MONITOR ARTICLE CONCERNING AMERICAN MERCENARIES
IN RHODESIA.

2. QUOTE. (Q) ANY COMMENTS ON THE MONITOR'S STORY TODAY
ABOUT MERCENARIES IN RHODESIA? (A) WE HAVE SEEN AND ARE
CLOSELY LOOKING INTO A NUMBER OF POINTS RAISED IN MR.
ANABLE'S STORY. AS WAS NOTED IN THE STORY AND AS WAS
STATED HERE EARLIER WHEN DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN
CITIZENS SERVING AS MERCENARIES, ANY US CITIZEN JOINING
THE ARMED FORCES OF ANOTHER COUNTRY RISKS LOSING AMERICAN
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CITIZENSHIP AND MIGHT ALSO BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECU-

TION UNDER THE FOREIGN SERVICES ENLISTMENT ACT WHICH
SUBJECTS PERSONS VIOLATING IT TO PRISON TERMS OF UP TO 3
YEARS AND FINES OF UP TO \$1,000. THE SAME PENALTIES
APPLY TO THOSE RECRUITING OTHERS TO JOIN THE ARMED FORCES
OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY. (Q) HAS ANY ACTION BEEN TAKEN AGAINST
AMERICANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN RHODESIA? (A) TO DATE WE
HAVE NOT RECEIVED SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT ANY US
CITIZENS WHO HAVE SERVED THERE. WE WILL CERTAINLY LOOK

INTO AND TAKE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION IF SUFFICIENT
EVIDENCE CAN BE OBTAINED. (Q) MR. ANABLE INDICATED THAT
THE RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON MAY BE
DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES FOR
RHODESIA; DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT ALLEGATION?
(A) WE NOTED MR. ANABLE'S STATEMENT AND HAVE ALREADY
ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE CAREFULLY
THAT CHARGE. (Q) IF TRUE, WOULD THIS ENABLE THE USG TO
CLOSE THE RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE? (A) I WOULD
PREFER NOT TO SPECULATE ON THIS MATTER UNTIL THE INVESTI-
GATION IS COMPLETED. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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